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FROM BUFFUM

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SUBJ: CYPRUS CONFERENCE

SUMMARY. MAVROS TOLD ME EARLY THIS MORNING THAT HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO LEAVE GENEVA CONFERENCE IF, BY THIS AFTERNOON, TURKS FAIL TO CLARIFY THEIR INTENTIONS, INCLUDING FIRM ASSURANCES THAT CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS HAD CEASED. HE PLANNED TO MAKE THIS CLEAR AT MORNING MEETING. FOLLOWING VERY HELPFUL GUIDANCE RECEIVED OVERNIGHT, I EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING, URGED HIM TO REMAIN, AND INDICATED WE WERE MAKING EFFORTS ASSURE TURKISH OBSERVANCE OF CEASEFIRE. CALLAGHAN PLANS

TO SHOW SUPPORT OF MAVROS POSITION BY ASKING TURKS AT MORNING MEETING FOR FIRM ASSURANCES SO THAT CONFERENCE CAN PROCEED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MEETING WITH GREEK FONMIN MAVROS EARLY JULY 26, HE WAS VERY UPSET OVER REPORTED CONTINUING MASSIVE TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE ON CYPRUS. HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT 31 TURKISH SHIPS HAD UNLOADED IN KYRENIA AREA OR ENROUTE FROM MERSIN NIGHT OF JULY 25-26 AND THERE HAD BEEN TOTAL OF 50 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WHILE TURKISH SECTOR BEING EXPANDED TO NORTHEAST (IN DIRECTION CHATOS).

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TURKISH MILITARY LIAISON PROMISED TO UN HAD NOT ARRIVED. MAVROS SAID

THAT NEW GREEK GOVT COULD NOT LONG WITHSTAND PUBLIC PRESSURE AT HOME BEING GENERATED BY BLATANT TURKISH DUPLICITY. IT WOULD SOON BE FORCED TO COUNTER TURKISH MOVES, PERHAPS BY SENDING TWO OR THREE GREEK DIVISIONS TO CYPRUS, IF MILITARY RULE WERE NOT TO RETURN IN ATHENS.

2. WHILE WE WERE TALKING, MAVROS HAD TELEPHONE CALL FROM CLERIDES IN NICOSIA, WHO WAS VERY AGITATED AND RECOMMENDING THAT UNFICYP TAKE UP POSTS BETWEEN TURKISH TROOPS AND NATIONAL GUARD, PARTICULARLY ALONG EASTERN EDGE OF TURKISH SECTOR, IN ORDER STOP FURTHER ADVANCE. THIS IDEA COORDINATED WITH WECKMANN AND PREM CHAND OF UN. MAVROS TOLD CLERIDES HE WOULD RAISE THIS AND WHOLE QUESTION TURKISH VIOLATIONS AT MEETING OF CYPRUS CONFERENCE LATER THIS MORNING. HE ASKED CLERIDES TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO UK, TURKISH AND GREEK FONMINS IN GENEVA TO EMPHASIZE GRAVITY OF SITUATION. NOT SURPRISINGLY, MAVROS SAID HE SUPPORTS INTERPOSITION OF UN AS RECOMMENDED BY UNFICYP.

3. I DID MY BEST REASSURE MAVROS WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH GREEK POSITION, WE BELIEVE THEIR RESTRAINT HAS WON THEM WIDESPREAD INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND WE ARE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS WITH TURKS TO SEE IF MEANS CAN BE FOUND HAVE CEASEFIRE RESPECTED. MAVROS SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD DONE SO MUCH TO HELP GREECE AND HE HOPED SECRETARY COULD FIND A WAY TO PERSUADE TURKS TO STOP BEFORE IT TOO LATE.

4. MAVROS THEN SAID HE INTENDS ADOPT STRATEGY OF GOING TO CONFERENCE SESSION, MAKE SPEECH DEMANDING THAT TURKEY STOP VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE AND SUGGESTING THAT UN POSTS BE PLACED ALONG TURKISH PERIMETER, AND THEN SUGGESTING THAT CONFERENCE ADJOURN UNTIL MIDAFTERNOON TO ENABLE TURKISH FONMIN GUNES TO GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA. HE ALSO HOPED RECESS WOULD ENABLE UK, US, UN AND OTHERS TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON TURKS. IF THERE WAS NO SATISFACTORY REPLY, MAVROS SAID HE WOULD PROBABLY BE OBLIGED RETURN TO ATHENS AND CALL FOR URGENT SC MEETING. CONFERENCE IN GENEVA CAN DO NOTHING SO LONG AS TURKS REFUSE RESPECT CEASEFIRE.

5. I ASKED MAVROS WHETHER HE COULD NOT BETTER COORDINATE GREEK DIPLOMATIC EFFORT FROM GENEVA; EVEN IF NOT IN FORMAL CONFERENCE MEETING, SINCE UK AND TURKISH FONMINS ARE HERE AS WELL AS SENIOR SECRET

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UN REPRESENTATIVES. MAVROS SAID HE INTENDS DO HIS BEST BUT NEEDS ASSURANCES ON TURKISH BEHAVIOR.

6. WITH REGARD TO MAVROS CONSIDERATION OF ASKING FOR ANOTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING I SAID THAT IS FOR GREECE TO DECIDE AND MY COMMENTS WERE NOT DESIGNED TO AFFECT HIS DECISION; HOWEVER, I DID FRANKLY BELIEVE THAT CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH TURKS PROBABLY MORE EFFECTIVE WAY OF GETTING RESULTS THAN ANOTHER UN

RESOLUTION. MAVROS AGREED THAT WAS TRUE AND WAS DISPOSED TO RESERVE JUDGMENT ON CALL FROM COUNCIL SESSION.

7. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL GUYER, HE CONFIRMED INFO REPORTED BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES ON VIOLATIONS, TURKISH FAILURE APPOINT LIAISON OFFICER, AND PREM CHAND IDEAS ON INTERPOSING UNFICYP POSTS TO BLOCK FURTHER TURKISH ADVANCE. GUYER SAID HE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RAISE RPEM CHAND PROPOSAL AND BELIEVED THAT ENTIRE ROLE OF UNFICYP UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES NEEDED BE REVIEWED. UNFICYP CAN HELP WHEN IT HAS STRONG SUPPORT, AS AT NICOSIA AIRPORT, BUT CANNOT DO SO ALONE.

8. CALLAGHAN INVITED ME TO UK DEL MTG PRIOR TO MORNING SESSION OF CONFERENCE. HAVING ALREADY ARRANGED TALK WITH FUNES (SETPEL) I SENT MEMBER OF MY GROUP WHO REPORTED MAVROS CONCERN AND INTENTIONS. CALLAGHAN STATED THAT IN ORDER SHOW GREEKS THEY HAD SUPPORT AND HELP URGE THEM TO STAY, HE WOULD AT THE OPENING OF THE MEETING PRE-EMPT MAVROS DEMANDS ON TURKS BY OPENING MEETING WITH QUERY AS TO GOT INTENTIONS CITING UK INFORMATION IN LANDINGS, CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND SHELLINGS. I CONVEYED OUR SUPPORT OF THIS TACTIC TO CALLAGHAN BEFORE MEETING BEGAN. ABRAMS

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